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SUBJ: ENMOD - FEDOROV-DAVIES CONVERSATION, JUNE 16

BEGIN SUMMARY: FEDOROV POSTPONED FIRST PLENARY UNTIL JUNE 17. AT DINNER WITH DAVIES HE STRESSED THEME THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS ROUND OF EXPERTS' TALKS SHOULD BE THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT US-SOVIET TREATY DRAFT. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET DELEGATION HEAD FEDOROV PROPOSED TO PUT OFF FIRST PLENARY UNTIL JUNE 17 AND INVITED DAVIES, GIVAN AND BARAZ TO DINNER AT SOVIET MISSION INSTEAD. SEDUNOV AND KASHIRIN ALSO ATTENDED.

2. AT DINNER FEDOROV NOTED THAT THE US HAD RECEIVED THE REVISED SOVIET TREATY DRAFT, AND ASKED DAVIES IF THERE

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WAS NOT A BASIS FOR AN AGREED DRAFT.

3. DAVIES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CHANGES IN THE SOVIET DRAFT WHICH REPRESENTED MOVEMENT TOWARD THE US POSITION. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF POINTS ON WHICH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND DRAFTING PROBLEMS REMAINED. HE SINGLED OUT AS THE TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS THE SOVIET OMISSION OF THE "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE" FORMULA FROM ARTICLE I AND THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO BAN MILITARY R&D.

4. DAVIES TOLD FEDOROV THAT, WHILE FURTHER WORK ON DRAFTS WOULD BE USEFUL, HE SUPPOSED THAT THESE KEY ISSUES WOULD NOT BE SETTLED DURING CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS. AFTER TELLING FEDOROV THAT US HAD MADE SOME REVISIONS IN ITS DRAFT WHICH WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIETS IN PLENARY, DAVIES SAID HE EXPECTED US WOULD TABLE ITS DRAFT EARLY IN CCD.

5. FEDOROV PROFESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, SAYING THAT NEW SOVIET DRAFT WAS CONFIDENTIAL. IF THE US TABLED ITS DRAFT, FEDOROV SAID THE USSR WOULD BE FORCED TO DEFEND ITS OLD DRAFT WHICH WAS ON THE TABLE AND HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.

6. FEDOROV ARGUES THAT THE EXPERTS SHOULD DEVOTE THEIR EFFORTS TO WORKING OUT AN AGREED TEXT. HE PRESSED DAVIES TO ANSWER QUESTION WHETHER US WOULD INSIST ON TABLING A UNILATERAL DRAFT. EVEN IF A JOINT ONE COULD BE REACHED.

7. DAVIES REPLIED THAT A JOINT TEXT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DESIRABLE, AND AGREED THAT THE EXPERTS SHOULD GO AS FAR IN THAT DIRECTION AS POSSIBLE. FEDOROV ACCEPTED THIS AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, IF AGREEMENT ON A JOINT TEXT WAS NOT ACHIEVED, THE US WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO TABLE ITS OWN DRAFT.

8. IN CONTEXT OF DAVIES STATEMENT THAT WE INTEND TO TABLE DRAFT AT CCD, FEDOROV COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD TO SUBSEQUENT HANDLING OF ANY SECRET

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JOINT DRAFT ONCE IT COULD BE AGREED BY DELEGATIONS. THE FACT THAT A JOINT DRAFT HAD BEEN AGREED TO WOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS BY THE DELEGATIONS. THE GOVERNEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE ON THE NEXT STEP, E.G., WHETHER TO TABLE THE JOINT DRAFT AT CCD, SIGN AGREEMENT, OR ON SOME OTHER (UNSPECIFIED) ACTION.

9. ALTHOUGH FEDOROV PRESSED THE THEME OF REACHING AN

AGREED DRAFT, HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE WAS PREPARED
TO DROP EITHER THE SOVIET DEMAND TO BAN ALL HOSTILE USE
OF WEATHER MODIFICATION OR THEIR INSISTANCE ON PROHIBITING
MILITARY R&D. HIS STRESS ON REACHING A JOINT DRAFT COULD
TURN OUT TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A BARGAINING TACTIC.

10. FIRST PLENARY IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17 AT THE
US MISSION.

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